

REFUSES PARDON

MRS. MAYBRICK STILL TECHNICALLY UNDER SENTENCE.

English Foreign Office Unwilling to Grant Absolute Freedom in Order That She May Testify in Her Mother's Land Suit.

Washington, May 10.—Ambassador Choate has cabled the state department that the British Foreign office has refused to grant any further clemency to Florence E. Maybrick, who recently made application through the state department at Washington for a complete pardon.

Mrs. Maybrick did not receive a complete pardon, but was released from imprisonment upon certain conditions. She is still technically under sentence.

Her testimony is regarded necessary to the successful prosecution of the civil action of her mother, the Baroness von Roques, to recover large sums of money on account of a transaction in land, which suit is now pending before a commissioner in this city, and it was to make her eligible as a witness that an application was made to the British government through the state department to grant a full pardon. The land lies in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.

When the attention of S. V. Hayden, one of the attorneys for the Baroness von Roques, was called to the cablegram, he stated that an application had been made to the British government for a pardon in order to remove all doubt as to the competency of Mrs. Maybrick's evidence in the suit by her mother against David W. Armstrong, the defendant and others, pending in the chancery court of Richmond, Va., to set aside conveyances to about two and one-half acres of land, which the Baroness alleged was executed to Harrison T. Groon at the instance of David W. Armstrong, then her attorney, without a proper understanding on the part of herself and Mrs. Maybrick, and for the normal consideration of \$10,000.

Mr. Hayden stated, however, that it would be earnestly insisted, notwithstanding Mrs. Maybrick's status, that she is a competent witness, as under the English law, her conviction would only affect her credibility, and not her competency, and that as her conviction was in a foreign court, she would be a competent witness in Virginia, since, with one or two exceptions, every court in the United States, including the United States Supreme Court, had held that a conviction in a foreign country or in another state did not affect the competency of a witness, unless the status of the state where it was sought to make such person a witness expressly provided that such conviction rendered the witness incompetent.

He said that the laws of Virginia contained no such provision. Mr. Hayden further stated that it would be a great hardship should Mrs. Maybrick's evidence be excluded as it is very material to their interests in the suit.

The Baroness Caroline von Roques, mother of Mrs. Maybrick, is in Washington.

Tried to Pass On Same Track.

New York, May 10.—In a head-on collision between two trolley cars on Staten Island, three persons have been injured.

Miss Dora Davidson of New York probably will die. Both cars were well filled with passengers when they came together. The platforms of the cars were battered to splinters and many of the passengers were hurled to the pavements. All were severely cut and bruised except Mrs. Davidson, who was hurt internally. Misunderstanding of signals is said to have caused the accident.

Clerk of Treasury Found Dead.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., May 11.—Wallace H. Hillis, chief clerk of the treasury department, who went to Carizo, New Mexico, recently for his health, was found dead in bed at that place today.

DISTRIBUTING DEEDS.

It Is Intimated That Hitchcock Will Rescind His Retaining Order.

South McAlester, I. T., May 10.—The work of distributing deeds to Choctaw and Chickasaw lands is still in progress and within two weeks 8,000 deeds will be in the hands of the Indian allottees.

Despite the fact that the secretary of the interior refuses to recognize the distribution as legal because the Indian government refuses to let him approve the instruments before they were given to the individual Indians, the tribal authorities declare that their position will be upheld when the proper legal steps are taken. It is even intimated that the secretary of the interior will rescind his order to retain the thousand of deeds completed by his department and not permit them to fall into the hands of the Indians.

Based on the order on the past wavering policy of the department, it is thought that the long drawn out dispute will end quietly by Secretary Hitchcock withdrawing his objections to the policy being pursued by the tribes.

Unless this is done the Indians will probably take legal steps to secure the undistributed deeds now in the hands of the interior department.

PRESIDENT IN CHICAGO

GIVEN GREAT RECEPTION AT DEPOT BY LEADERS.

Special Detectives and Hundreds of Policemen on Duty—Labor Leaders Abandon Plan of Petitioning Him While in City.

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 10.—President Roosevelt's train arrived from the west at noon today and was given a great reception both at the depot and along the line of march to the Auditorium Annex.

At the depot he was given a hearty reception by the governor, mayor and a delegation from the leading clubs, aldermen and city officials.

Several hundred policemen and special detectives surrounded the depot and bordered the line of march.

Representatives of labor later in the day announced they had abandoned the plan of petitioning the president while he was in Chicago.

FREIGHT BRAKEMAN INJURED.

Receives Serious Injuries While Riding on a Box Car at Madill. Special to the Ardmoreite.

Madill, I. T., May 11.—Chas. Moonham, a freight brakeman on the Frisco, was injured here yesterday at the crossing of the Arkansas and Choctaw and the Frisco main lines. Moonham was riding on the end of a box car which was being switched about the yards, when the car was run against an A. & C. car which had been left partially across the Frisco tracks. Moonham was badly injured about the back of the head and his limbs, but his injuries are not expected to prove fatal. The injured man is now at the Alamo hotel here, where he is receiving medical attention.

Ex-Mayor Keller Indicted.

South McAlester, I. T., May 10.—The United States grand jury today returned an indictment against ex-Mayor H. M. Keller of this city for assault to kill.

Several months ago Keller shot ex-Alderman E. C. Young in a street altercation but the bullet was diverted by coming in contact with a heavy watch chain worn by Young and only a slight wound was inflicted.

Shooting at Longview.

Longview, Texas, May 9.—Charlie Rasmussen, a brakeman for the Texas and Pacific road, was shot here yesterday afternoon, the wounds being inflicted in his breast.

H. E. Stone, a picture salesman, and the railroad man were arrested and were later admitted to bond in the sum of \$500.

Several shots were fired and both men are charged with having been in the trouble. The shooting occurred at the depot.

DEATH RIDES UPON THE STORM

The Town of Snyder, Okla., Visited by a Disastrous Cyclone.

THE EXACT NUMBER OF LIVES LOST UNKNOWN

Estimates Run all the Way from Twenty-five to Three or Four Hundred Dead. Injured Members in Almost Every House in Town. Relief Already Pouring in. Great Destruction of Property.

(By Associated Press.)
Guthrie, Ok., May 11.—Reports received here indicate that between 200 and 400 hundred lives have been lost in the partial destruction of the town of Snyder, in this territory, by a tornado.

The same tornado struck Guthrie in Woodward county, destroying several houses and at that point at least three persons, Mrs. O. W. Cox and her two sons are known to be killed.

The tornado struck Snyder from the southwest, traveling north until within about 100 yards from the tracks of the Oklahoma City and Western railroad. There it took a northeasterly course through the business portion of the town. North of the track not a building is left standing.

Coming as it did, while most of the inhabitants of Snyder were asleep, but few had any warning of their danger.

In a number of cases entire families were killed, and in almost every family in town some member is injured.

Every house in town except six are said to have been either badly wrecked or demolished. Many of them were blown away entirely. The havoc wrought is most complete.

The mayors of Guthrie, Oklahoma City and some other Oklahoma towns have issued calls for mass meetings to formulate a system of relief for the injured and early today special trains bearing physicians, nurses, clothing and provisions were started for Snyder.

Ten undertakers who were attending the funeral directors' convention at Oklahoma City left that place this

morning with a carload of caskets for Snyder.

A special from the Frisco agent at Chickasha says the road got a wire up to Snyder at 10:30 this morning when the operator at Snyder said there were seventy-five dead bodies and 352 injured; that the entire business portion of the town was destroyed but the residence portion was not badly damaged.

The mayor of Oklahoma City and a committee of prominent citizens left for Snyder to make personal investigation of the needs of the people.

Another Report.

(By Associated Press.)
Fort Worth, Tex., May 11.—A dispatch to General Manager Fieldner of the Frisco from Snyder, Ok., says a tornado struck Snyder at 5:45 o'clock last night. Seventy-five dead and fifty injured. Twelve business houses and forty residences being destroyed.

Two railroad trains have gone from Vernon, Texas.

Tornado in Kansas.

(By Associated Press.)
McPherson, Kan., May 11.—A small tornado struck eight miles west of here early today. Several farm houses were partially wrecked. As far as learned no lives were lost.

H. T. Rutherford of the firm of E. E. Gifford & Co. informs us he was talking over the phone with a party at Comanche at noon today, and was told that reliable information had reached there that twenty-five persons had been killed and between sixty and seventy injured in the storm at Snyder last night.

STORM AT ST. JOSEPH.

Considerable Damage Done in City. Four Men Caught in Wreck.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 10.—A terrible wind storm at 2:15 o'clock tonight worked havoc to many buildings in this city and vicinity. At Elwood, Kan., across the Missouri river from this city a large elevator belonging to the Horon company was partially destroyed. Four men are imprisoned in the wreckage and it is believed they cannot be extricated alive. Their names cannot be learned tonight. Fifty feet of the top of the elevator was blown off. All the machinery was destroyed. Loss \$100,000.

The walls of a five-story brick building in St. Joseph belonging to the Roberts-Parker Grocery company, were blown down. Five men in the building narrowly escaped.

CREEK WILLS INVALID.

Raymond Holds Indian Cannot Bequeath Allotments.

Muskogee, I. T., May 10.—This morning Judge Raymond filed an opinion in the case of Leader vs. Smith, holding that a Creek citizen cannot dispose of his allotment by will until five years have expired from the ratification of the Creek supplemental agreement of 1901.

In 1900 Annie C. Byrd selected her allotment in the Creek Nation and received a certificate therefor from the Dawes commission. She then made a will in July 1, 1901, leaving all the land to her friends, Hattie Smith and T. E. Blackwell.

She died August 1, 1901, leaving no children, no brothers or sisters.

John Leader was found to be a full brother of Mary Byrd, the mother of Annie, and Albert Carr was found to be a half brother of Mary, and these

NEGRO DROWNED

While Crossing Small Stream With Sack of Meal on Shoulder. Special to the Ardmoreite.

Garvin, I. T., May 10.—A negro was drowned in Water Hole creek, a small stream about four miles south of here, late Saturday evening. The negro had a sack of meal on his mule and before entering the stream he put the sack of meal around his own neck to keep it from getting wet. The stream is small, but it seems it was very swift and swept the mule from under the negro and the sack of meal carried him down to rise no more. Other darkies witnessed the scene but were unable to render any assistance. His body was found next morning about 150 yards below where he entered the stream.

D. M. Wisdom Ill.

D. M. Wisdom, one of the best known men in Muskogee, lies at his home in Cherokee street critically ill. Mr. Wisdom is suffering from kidney trouble and has been ill several days. His condition was reported critical Tuesday. Mr. Wisdom is an attorney and is the father of J. Fentress Wisdom, chief clerk to the Indian agent, and Wiley T. Wisdom, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Muskogee.

FAST EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED

A MOST APPALLING EXPLOSION FOLLOWS.

Entire Carload of Powder Scatters Death and Destruction Everywhere. A Score of People Killed and Over a Hundred Injured.

(By Associated Press.)

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—Twenty persons are believed to have been killed and approximately 100 injured by the wrecking of the Cleveland and Cincinnati express westbound on the Pennsylvania railroad, which dashed into a wrecked eastbound freight train, exploding a car filled with 50,000 pounds of blasting powder.

The wreck occurred in the southern part of Harrisburg early this morning. It was the most horrible disaster that has ever been experienced by the Pennsylvania railroad on its main line. Several hours will elapse before the exact number of dead and injured will be known. Twelve of the dead are at the morgue and other bodies are being brought to the dead house as quickly as they are located. There are about seventy injured persons now in the Harrisburg hospitals.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—The boiler of the passenger locomotive exploded. The wreck took fire and the escaped began the work of rescue six minutes after the collision. Flames reached the cars filled with powder. All who were not killed and injured by the explosion fled from the awful scene.

The entire wreckage became a mass of flames and the rescuers did not dare approach the burning wreckage, though they could hear agonizing shrieks of dying passengers who were helplessly pinned in the wreckage and were burned to death.

After the explosion had ceased intense heat interfered with the work of rescue. Men of the boldest nerve were forced to retire with staged hair and blistered faces.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—The passengers and trainmen were burned to a crisp, while others were pinned helplessly to debris. So completely incinerated were the bodies that only four could be identified up to noon.

Women suffered greatly and many of those who escaped were found almost naked.

Copper as Gold Bullion.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Joseph, Mo., May 11.—Goldsmiths here today said two pieces of gold bullion which two strangers from Omaha tried to sell to a retired banker for twenty-two thousand dollars are copper. The men have disappeared.

Pure bred Plymouth eggs \$1 per setting. S. S. TOLSON. 7-6

The Ardmoreite for all the news.

KANSAS CITY VISITORS

ARDMORE GIVES BUSINESS MEN ROYAL WELCOME.

The Old Soldiers Capture Their Old Comrade, Senator Warner, Who Is With the Party, and Have a Love Feast—Impressed.

Ardmore welcomed with open arms and entertained with lavish hospitality the Kansas City Commercial Club on the occasion of their visit. While the club honored the city by its coming, Ardmore also honored Kansas City by its reception and demonstration. In the language of a newspaper man who accompanied the visitors, this city gave the Kansas Cityans the most cordial and enthusiastic reception of any since the trip began. This is indeed a compliment to the people of the Queen City of the Southwest, for when it is understood that the club has visited many towns in Kansas and Indian Territory and have been charmingly entertained, the compliment will be all the more effective.

"It seems," said one man speaking of the reception, "that all Ardmore was interested in our coming. This feeling I assure you has touched us deeply. On every hand we were treated with the utmost kindness and cordiality. Kansas Cityans are not the persons to forget hospitable treatment."

Other expressions of a similar nature were heard.

The entertaining was done in an unostentatious manner, simple, yet impressive, and in perfect accord with the plans of the committee. The dominant idea was to make the visitors feel that Ardmore and Indian Territory were not unkindful of the past efforts of the Kansas City club in the matter of legislation. Kansas City has always stood by the people of this country. Senator Warner said that it would continue to stand by the people. His most effective remark was that Indian Territory's interests would be his own interests. He said a good deal more but the above sentence embodies a sentiment that touched the audience deeply and made them feel that in times of distress Senator Warner can be looked to as the friend, guardian and champion of a people whose achievements are being wondered at, and whose indomitable spirit cannot be conquered.

The Kansas City party reached the city last evening at 6 o'clock and was met by the local reception committee. The first half hour was spent in driving and sight-seeing, the next thirty minutes in mingling with the merchants whom they were pleased to see. It seems that many of the visitors have an extensive acquaintance in Ardmore.

Following luncheon at the car the visitors began to assemble at Elks' hall. This elegant home never looked prettier than last evening. Hugo bouquets of flowers were used in the decorations, hundreds of carnations, pink, white and red, lent color to the decorating scheme. The lights shown beautifully and the combined effect was indeed impressive.

In the reception room an informal hand-shaking took place and the visitors were well entertained for nearly an hour. Fruit punch was served in the southwest corner of the room. Misses Townsend and Trask presided over the table.

The reception possessed a unique feature which takes precedence above all others. Chickasaw Post G. A. R. marched in a body to Elks' hall in compliment to their comrades of the 60's, Senator Warner of Missouri. It was a sublime picture to see the veterans marching headed by the stars and stripes. Led by Commander Tallafiero they marched into the reception hall and formed into line. The commander addressing Senator Warner said:

"Chickasaw Post, No. 18, G. A. R., department of the Indian Territory, welcomes you to our prosperous, progressive and wide-awake city. We are not situated in a territory or a state, but we get there just the same and Old Glory waves as proudly here as in any other part of the Union."

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